



Figure 2.3: Growth rate for publications on selected topics related to the SDGs, 2012–2019 (%)



* Eco-industrial waste management excludes radioactive nuclear waste. The topic of ecosystem-based approaches in marine environments covers environments within national exclusive economic zones.

Note: Topics are assigned a colour according to the most closely related Sustainable Development Goal (SDG), even though most topics examined here are relevant to more than one SDG goal. The growth rate is calculated as the number of publications from 2016–2019 divided by the number of publications from 2012–2015; a growth rate of 1.16 indicates a 16% increase in publication output, the global average for scientific publications overall. For details, see Annex 4 of the *UNESCO Science Report (2021)*.

Source: Scopus (Elsevier), including Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; data treatment by Science-Metrix